

# SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION MESSENGER

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## Priorities for a Happy New Year.



**J. H. Zachary**

Two experiences transpired recently that set me to thinking about my personal priorities for the New Year. The other day our cat met with an accidental death. We had just moved into our new home. She quickly adjusted to the house, but was hit by a passing car. We played with her in

the morning and buried her in the evening. I was reminded that life is uncertain! We cannot be sure that we will see another new year or even another new day. In this uncertainty I need to know my dearest Friend in a most intimate way.

Again my priority planning for the

new year was affected when four chiefs in Irian Jaya came to me and invited the church to send teachers to reach their 5,000 people. Because the future is an uncharted course, what we do for the Lord must be done today.

**Priority #1** Take time for an intense Upward look to develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Priority #2** Be more deeply involved in an Outward commitment of one's time, money, and concern for the mission of Jesus Christ. A great deal still needs to be done in the Far East. Real sacrifices must be made.

## “Please Come Before Christmas”



The pilot lowered the Quiet Hour Cesna 206 down into the deep canyon. Soon mountain walls towered above us on both sides. From the window we could see countless villages, each perched precariously along the steep cliffs of the canyon. Mission pilots affectionately call this canyon “The Irian Freeway.” One could see the many-shaded patchwork of the countless slash and burn areas where the Dani tribesmen raise their vegetables.

LeRoy Kelm, our pilot banked to the right. A massive mountain blocked the way before us! I instinctively sat on the edge of my seat. Then I saw it. A tiny airstrip came into view. It too was clinging to the side of the mountain. There would be no chance for a second pass at this strip. Already we were fully committed to touch the ground.

The mountain came rushing up toward us at almost 100 miles per hour. As soon as the wheels touched the strip, we began a race to the top of the mountain. I admired the skill of LeRoy. He put everything together with split second timing. In a few moments

we reached the top of the strip and with a touch of the right brake and a dash of power the Cesna's tail swung around and stopped in position for take off.

My wife, Jeane, and I were not prepared for what we saw next. The whole village turned out—a mass of naked, black bodies. Only the chief and a half dozen of his counselors and guards wore western clothing. The women and girls wore grass skirts, while the men and boys sported huge penis gourds. Smaller children were awaiting puberty before the native dress would be theirs.

### **A People Passed By**

Here were a people that the modern world had passed by.

So many needs—nutrition, maternal and child care, sanitation, personal hygiene, latrines, reading and writing skills, and above all the knowledge and power of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Communication was slow except for the body language that let us know we were welcome in this village

named Tinggenambut. Chief Tuanbukuk Kokoya spoke in one of the Dani dialects while one of his assistants translated into Indonesian. Finally, Pastor Hans Kakalo, mission president, spoke in English.

“I and my people welcome you to Tinggenambut. We have waited for your coming for a long time. We want the Adventist people to send us two teachers and help us build a church.” The chief spoke with great earnestness.

He then led the way further up the mountain side to a spot that had been cleared in preparation for the construction of a church. He continued, “We will prepare the wood and construct the framework for a church in this place. Please give us the tin roof.” I knew that the falling of timber and the hand sawing of lumber would take thousands of man hours of labor.

When the chief had finished speaking, a man stepped forward. We learned that he had hiked a full day to come to Tinggenambut. He was chief of a village called Kembaru. “There are 1,394 people in my village. We

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BY J. H. ZACHARY

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want to have the Seventh-day Adventist people send teachers and help us build a church. We need a road for the airplane to come to our place."

Nearby one of the village boys was playing an ancient stringed instrument. The eight strings seemed loose and lacked the familiar tuning. The sound was rhythmic rather than melodious. In a few moments another player joined in. The music, the primitive people, the remoteness of this spot on the "Irian Freeway," all spoke to me of an unfamiliar world. But Tinggenambut is about to change.

## A Miracle About to Happen

A miracle of God's grace is about to happen. On my next visit these boys will be singing choruses about Jesus. The people will have a new beautiful life style.

We learned that there had been a wedding a few weeks earlier in Tinggenambut. Chief Tuanbukuk Kokoya had married his ninth wife! The position papers I had recently read on polygamy took on a new relevance.

I wondered if one day soon chief Tuanbukuk Kokoya would tell the teachers what an Ata chief had told me during the first baptism in his village in the Philippines. "I would never have married the second wife if someone would have told me about Jesus sooner. But now she has given me children. I love her and must care for both wives and all of my children." He is still faithful in attending the church that he cannot join.

The entire village gathered once again at the Cesna for the farewells. Then I noticed two men who had just arrived. I learned that they were brothers. Both men were chiefs. Chief Anggoranewa came from Prulime village while his brother, Chief Kebunik, came from Yagunik village. They had hiked almost a full day to greet us. Chief Anggoranewa already

had an airstrip in his village. Both men had come to request the Adventists to send teachers to their people and help them build a church.

What a day! This wasn't an interesting story in some mission book. This was real! Four Dani chiefs stood before me requesting help! Over 5,000 primitive tribesmen ready to hear the gospel.

## Quiet Hour Aides New Work

How thankful I was for the Quiet Hour's plan to open new work in Irian Jaya. I made a solemn promise in behalf of the Quiet Hour and the local mission, "We will send two teachers to each of your villages. The airplane will bring the zinc roof as soon as you have prepared the framework for the new churches."

Pastor Hans Kalalo and his team had just completed a Quiet Hour financed four week training session. Forty-two young people have been trained for village work. Half had already been assigned to areas where they would open up work in new villages on the coast of Irian Jaya. The remainder were ready to respond to calls such as these along the "Irian Freeway."

## We Have Waited A Long Time

Then chief Tuanbukuk Kokoya spoke again, "We have been waiting for a long time. It is now three years since I came to the mission and made the first request for teachers." Then he pleaded, "Please come before Christmas."

As we were preparing to board the Cesna, I heard Chief Tuanbukuk Kokoya raise his voice as he attempted to speak to all of his people. After some time his message was translated. "The Adventists have promised to send teachers. How many of you will become Adventists when the teachers come?"

One hundred and seventeen persons stepped forward. This was something new under the sun. A pagan chief making an altar call for Christ. What will be the result when Christian teachers are used by the Holy Spirit to call villagers to a better way of life?"

What a challenge is still ours. In Irian Jaya alone there are over 900 unentered villages. Within one year two teachers will have a new church and company of believers.

May the Lord give the church the vision to assist thousands of volunteers to reach out to the tens of thousands of unentered islands and villages around the earth.

## Did You Know That:

1. Not one Muslim has ever accepted the Sabbath of the Adventist message in Malaysia?
2. There are over 300,000,000 Muslims in the Division territory who worship God but who haven't come to know Jesus Christ and His salvation.
3. There are 56 cities of over 1,000,000 population, and in most of them we have a very small work.
4. We have done almost nothing for the Hindus, and there are 15,000,000 in our division territory.
5. We have somewhere between 10 and 15 thousand unentered islands where there is not one Sabbath-keeper.
6. We have work in just over 100 of Bangladesh's 65,000 towns.

And so, as we plan our priorities for the New Year of our choice (Gregorian or Chinese) - may we be challenged to a firmer **Upward Stance** and a committed **Outward Step** towards reaching the unreached peoples of the Far East.

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# UPWARD TOGETHER

**Dr. Nancy Bassham**

Among many Christian activities, none is more important than family worship. Here is where we develop Christian character, give and receive godly instruction and learn to walk closely with the Lord. This is a family ordinance that Christians cannot afford to neglect.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou risest up." (Deuteronomy 6: 6, 7) One can imagine that nothing rejoices God's heart more than to see a family gathered around the Word of God, worshipping, praying and learning of Him.

Are you one of many Christians who have not discovered the sweet daily relationship with God, your Creator? Many have never known the "hidden treasures" of God's Word.

Just how does family worship enrich the home? E. G. White stated very clearly that there are 5 areas where its influence has made an impact upon the home:

- Worship
- Bible Knowledge
- Development of Prayer Life
- Training Children
- Family Unity.

Dr. Clyde Narramore in one of his family devotional books observed that conducting family worship is much like piloting a giant airliner. It needs more than a "take off". To remain in flight, it requires attention and refueling. Family members must see that devotions keep going - that they are maintained and safeguarded from attitudes and activities which would hinder or destroy them.

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## *Family Worship*

*Rear you an altar that will last forever,  
Longer than any shafts or marble dome;  
Erect it there beside your own hearth-fire-  
The chaste, while family altar in the home.  
Chisel the Word of God upon the waiting hearts and  
minds of the dear ones gathered there;  
The blowing sands of time will not erase it,  
Nor friction dim the imprint of your prayer.*

*For Memory will hold those chiseled letters  
And prayers shall be imbedded in the hearts,  
O father, mother, rear the lasting altar,  
And the children whom you love will not depart  
From the way of life. The Word will last forever,  
Though earth and heaven itself should pass away.  
If you have not as yet begun the building  
Of that eternal altar - start today.  
Author Unknown.*

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## **Letter Following a Recent Seminar**

Dear Mrs. Bassham:

Let me introduce myself first. I belong to the Sungei Way SDA Church, whose minister is Pastor Benjamin. My wife, Martha, and two children, Glen and Gale, who are 13 and 9 years old respectively, attended your seminar in Kuala Lumpur where you spoke about Family Worship, etc. It was such a beautiful and interesting seminar and we thank you very much.

I am writing this letter to let you know that after your seminar, our family enjoys worship at home. Recently, my children sang special songs. Our girl played the piano and our boy sang. They also acted out a small play for us—Jesus' first miracle—and, of course, with costumes on. Oh! We are very happy to see the children so interested to participate with songs and plays. In fact, they have lined up several games and special prayers, too.

Once again, my family members are grateful for your seminar, and I sincerely feel that our Indian families are missing this important seminar. I would certainly persuade my pastor to request for such a seminar to benefit our local folk....

Yours very truly,  
George Selva Raj.

**NEWSBREAK****SHEPHERDESS INTERNATIONAL**  
**IN SOUTHEAST ASIA***Meet Our Area Coordinators From....***Singapore**

In January, Mrs. Winnie Sim turned over her SI Leadership responsibilities to Dr. Sally Phoon, wife of SAUC Theology Department chairman, Dr. Chek Yet Phoon. Mrs. Sim, wife of Pastor Sim Chor Kiat of Balestier Road SDA Church, entered denominational service in December, 1972 immediately after completing her secretarial training at SAUC. She worked for a year at Youngberg Adventist Hospital in Medical Records, then as registrar/secretary and teacher for three years at Sunny Hill School in Sarawak. Presently, Mrs. Sim is secretary to Mr. Tom Staples, treasurer of SAUM. The Sims enjoy the sweet fellowship of their three daughters, Gillian (10) and twins Ginny and Genny (4).

*Mrs. Winnie Sim.**Mrs. Sally Phoon.*

Mrs. Phoon graduated from SAUC in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a diploma in Secretarial Science. Her first teaching assignment was at Sunny Hill School for three years. Between 1975-77 she enjoyed her special privileges as home-maker and pastor's wife. In 1978 she did secretarial work for one year and then the family moved to the Philippines for two years. There she completed her M.A. in Education and returned to SAUC to teach in the Education and Office Administration department for five years. Recently she completed a Ph. D. at Andrews University in Curriculum and instruction with a Cognate in Business Education. Presently she is chairperson for the Office Administration Department and is doing full-time teaching. The Phoons enjoy their two dear daughters: Michelle (12) and Rachel (8).

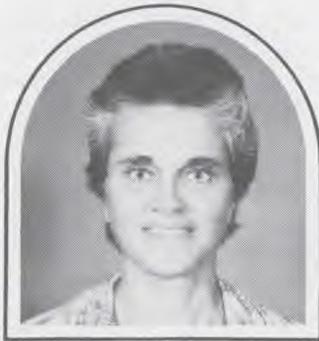
**West Malaysia**

Mrs. Esther Benjamin was born into a Seventh-day Adventist family in Andhra Pradesh, South India in 1941. In college she studied nursing and worked at Penang Adventist Hospital for about three years. In 1966 she married Pastor Benjamin. Presently, the Benjamins serve in the Sungai Way, Banting, and Bukit Jelutong churches in Selangor, West Malaysia. They feel abundantly blessed with three sons, Robert (in college in India), Richard and Ronald (at SAUC), and one daughter, Beatrice (still at home).

*Mrs. Esther Benjamin.*

## Sarawak

Mrs. Dorothy Hallock Walter was born in Michigan, USA in October, 1937. She studied nursing at Hinsdale School of Nursing and Columbia Union College. She finished a Masters in Nursing Education at Loma Linda University after which time she and her husband worked for 14 years in Amazon-Brazil. There she began working in child evangelism and has continued to do so in Indonesia and now Kuching. Presently her duties include teaching Home Study and performing the duties of assistant director of Church Ministries for the Sarawak Mission. The Walters enjoy very much their four children, two of whom are in the States, one in Singapore, and one at home. □



*Mrs. Dorothy Walter.*



*Shepherdess International Thailand studied the Role of Pastors Wives.*

## SAUM WORKERS' MEETINGS

Each of the missions within our Union recently held Worker's Meetings as a part of their Harvest 90 planning for 1987. The Church Ministries Team from SAUM was able to give assistance at each of these meetings. The Thailand Mission group spent a long weekend at a camp near the beach resort area of Hua Hin. The pastors were able to bring along their families to this sea-side retreat. Dr. Nancy Bassham held daily meetings with the workers' wives concerning the roles and responsibility of pastors' wives.

At the meetings in Sabah Mission, Peggy Chaw taught a nightly cooking class which was popular not only with the ladies but also with those pastors who seemed to always be on hand to sample the end results. Pastor Ng Gan Theow taught each group of workers how to hold a Voice of Youth Camp. Pastor Geoffrey Pauner gave practical guidance concerning Stewardship. Dr. Steve Bassham gave lessons on voice production and mechanics of projecting the voice without the aid of electrical amplification.

A special feature of Workers' Meetings in West Malaysia was presented nightly by Pastor Randy Horning. He shared with the ministers how they can better work together with the literature evangelists in a cooperative effort. The main emphasis at the West Malaysia meetings centered around training the pastors and how to hold lay training seminars for evangelism.

As we met with the various missions, we were greatly encouraged and prayed for God's blessings for the 1987 Harvest 90 outreach.

— **W S Bassham, Communication Director, SAUM**



*Clif Maberly, Thailand Ministerial Secretary speaks to the workers at the Hua Hin retreat.*

## SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE

**Dr. Ralph H. Jones, Academic Dean**

### ***Recruitment***

December 7, SAUC was host to Adventist youth from Singapore and neighboring Malaysia. It was a splendid opportunity to explain the academic programme of the college.

The next day, Drs. Koh, Drs. Phoon, Mrs. Doreen Ng, Mrs. Patricia Ng and Dr. Jones left Singapore in two cars for Malaysia. Seminars on education with special reference to the SAUC/WWC affiliation were held at Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, Taiping and Penang. Adds in the newspapers alerted young people of the seminars. The largest gathering was at Penang where two sessions were conducted. Just how many students will eventually be expected from this trip cannot yet be known. We do know that we have over 30 new students in the present quarter which began on January 5.

On the return trip the car was involved in a five vehicle accident. We were stopped in a traffic jam near Muar. A bus did not stop until it ran into a van shooting it into a car which in turn was pushed into us causing us to hit the car in front of us. Under God's providence no one was injured beyond sore necks for a day. The car was in the garage one week getting repairs.

### ***SAUC/WWC Affiliation***

SAUC is pleased to report that another visiting teacher has come to represent Walla Walla College (WWC). She is Mrs. Erma Lee. Mrs. Lee is not a regular teacher at Walla Walla College but does teach a class for WWC occasionally. Her current job is serving as an Associate Director of education for the North Pacific Union. The North Pacific Union is one of the larger unions in the United States in terms of numbers of students and schools. Mrs. Lee's duties consist of helping to look after 147 elementary and 38 secondary schools in the Union. There are over 600 teachers and 8,000 students in these schools. Walla Walla College also comes under the jurisdiction of this union which brings the number of students at all levels to about 10,000.

Mrs. Erma Lee's experience and expertise will be greatly appreciated by the students of Southeast Asia Union College.



*Miss Ann Gibson.*

During the third quarter of 1986 Miss Ann Gibson returned to the Far Eastern Division to serve as Walla Walla College's representative. She had worked in the Division a number of years ago. Miss Gibson was the first teacher to come to SAUC representing the Business Department of WWC. Since the Business Department of SAUC is the largest department the need for a teacher from WWC was very great. Her services were greatly appreciated. Since her return to WWC she has continued to help SAUC by encouraging action on SAUC's requests to WWC. SAUC staff and students want to thank her for her help and continued support. □



*Mrs. Erma Lee.*

## AWR ASIA NEWS UPDATE

The final stages of construction are nearing completion at Guam's new radio station. On November 11, 1986, workers used a pump truck to pour the roof of the AWR-Asia transmitter wing. Finishing work on the interior of the building is also moving ahead, with emphasis placed on completing the production studios and master control room in time for the on-the-air date, December 31, 1986.

The crane is no longer able to reach high enough to lift tower sections, so a 60-foot-long gin pole which extends 25 feet above the last tower section is strapped with cables to the tower side, piggy-back style. The sections are being hoisted into place by means of a pulley attached to the top. This tower which will be more than 200 feet tall on completion, is one of two that will support the curtain antenna destined to broadcast to all of Asia.



*Pouring the roof of the AWR-Asia transmitter wing on November 11, 1986.*

An English program schedule has been approved for broadcasting. This international language is the first and second language in many countries of Asia. AWR will have three hours a day in English in its initial line-up of programs. Most of the time will be occupied by programs from the Voice of Prophecy.

A special feature of the English segment will be the AWR Magazine on weekends. This program, produced at the new Guam production studios, will be a combination of news feature reports from around the world, highlighting information of interest to people living in Asia.



*The crane positioning the sections of Tower One on its base on the site of AWR-Asia, Guam, November 20, 1986.*

### AWR-Asia English Language Program Schedule

November 2, 1986 through  
March 1, 1987

UTC Time	Monday-Friday	Saturday, Sunday
2100	Voice of Prophecy	AWR Magazine
2115	Digging Up the Past	AWR Magazine
2130	Your Story Hour	Your Story Hour
2145	Your Story Hour	Your Story Hour
0000	Time for Singing	AWR Magazine
0015	Voice of Prophecy	AWR Magazine
0030	Voice of Prophecy	It Is Written/Bookmark
0045	Bible Reading	It Is Written/Bookmark
0200	Bible in Living Sound	Voice of Prophecy
0215	Digging Up the Past	Voice of Prophecy
0230	Your Story Hour	Quiet Hour/Your Radio Pastor
0245	Your Story Hour	Quiet Hour/Your Radio Pastor

# SINGAPORE

## Adventist World Radio-Asia

Beginning Program Schedule,  
January 1987

TIME UTC +	LANGUAGE	FREQUENCY(S)	METER BAND(S)
2100-2200	Japanese	11880	25
2200-2300	Tagalog/Cebuan	11880	25
2300-0000	Thai	15300*	19
	Mandarin	15300§	19
0000-0100	Mandarin	17840*	16
	English	15300§	19
0100-0200	Mandarin	17840*	16
	Burmese	15300§	19
0200-0300	Mandarin	17840*	16
	English	17855§	16
0300-0400	Mandarin	21610	13
0400-0500	Mandarin	21610	13
0500-0600	Mandarin	21610	13

TIME UTC +	LANGUAGE	FREQUENCY(S)	METER BAND(S)
0600-0700	Mandarin	21610	13
0700-0800	Mandarin	21610	13
0800-0900	Mandarin	11840	25
0900-1000	Mandarin	11840	25
1000-1100	Korean	11840	25
1100-1200	Indonesian	15440	19
1200-1300	Marathi	11920	25
1300-1400	Telugu	11920	25
1400-1500	Tamil	11920	25
1500-1600	Malayalam/Hindi	11920	25
1600-1700	English	11910	25

+ UTC: Universal Time Coordinated; formerly called GMT, Greenwich Mean Time.

\* Saturday and Sunday

§ Monday through Friday



Mr. Poh Guan Hock.

## SDA LAWYER RECEIVES SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

Mr. Po Guan Hock, a senior partner in the Wee Swee Teow law firm, has recently been appointed by Chief Justice Wee Chong Jin to serve with two retired High Court judges and two other senior lawyers on a disciplinary panel dealing with complaints against errant lawyers.

Mr. Po Guan Hock has been a member at the Balestier Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years and a legal consultant for the Far Eastern Division and Southeast Asia Union Mission for years. He is a man of intellect, experience, and integrity. May God bless him in his new responsibility for the government of Singapore.

George C. Johnson, President, SAUM

## FIRST EVANGELISTIC SERIES IN JURONG

A two-week series of evangelistic meetings were conducted in December, 1986 at the new Jurong Seventh-day Adventist Church. Elder and Mrs. J H Zachary gave keynote presentations on the Bible and the Christian family to approximately 35 interested friends of the Jurong community and other Seventh-day Adventists from the surrounding churches. Follow-up meetings are being conducted every Sunday. Two individuals have indicated a desire for baptism in the near future.

Danson Ng, Ministerial Director, WMSM



# Bible Seminar and Family Life Presentation

Jurong Seventh-day  
Adventist Church



# THAILAND

## THAILAND RADIO WORK BRINGS HARVEST

We have a report from Pastor Anucha Sae Yong, pastor of the Haadyai Church in Southern Thailand. He reports that our radio work in Haadyai, a jointly sponsored effort between the Thailand Mission and the Haadyai Mission Hospital, was responsible for the information of a new group of believers in Nakorn Sri Tamaraj.

For the last two years, a young girl named Tuang Intra has been listening faithfully to our radio broadcast. She enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence course True Way of Life. Later, the chaplain of the Haadyai Mission Hospital, Mrs. Amporn, began to give Bible studies to Tuang. Tuang was welcomed into the family of God on the day of her baptism October, 1986. Tuang has now left Southern Thailand to attend our Chiangmai Adventist Academy, far to the north.

The radio work in Thailand is continuing to reach to homes and areas where our workers cannot go.

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**W S Bassham, Communication Director,  
SAUM**

## THAILAND PUBLISHING HOUSE

The main responsibility of the Thailand Publishing House is to help accomplish the work of God in the great countries of Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam by printing truth-filled books, tracts, and magazines in their languages.

During the past four years several new pieces of equipment were purchased in an effort to keep abreast



*Bindery workers busy binding the new non-smoking booklet.*

of modern technology and offer better services in the areas of typesetting, translation, printing, paper-cutting, paper-folding, and book-binding.

The improvement made paid off this last year when Mrs. Prachoom, the Hamada Offset Press operator, demonstrated the equipment for a group of education department personnel. They video taped the plant's operation during the demonstration. Other Christian denominations in the area requested TPH's services and more and more comments regarding the top class quality of product with reasonable prices filtered back to TPH.

Since December 1985, TPH has published **Steps to Jesus** in the Thai and Hmong languages, as well as a Non-Smoking booklet. In the process of preparation for printing are the following books and booklets: **New Thai-English story set by Pat Gustin, Thai Adventist Home, Thai Great Controversy-condensed, Diet, Drinking, Caffeine, Ministry of Healing.**

We are redesigning and updating old books. New attractive covers were put on the old **Bedtime Story** books. The Literature Evangelists appreciated the boost it gave to their sales.

The **Thai Health and Home** magazine is now recognized as one of the best health magazines on the market. We are receiving more subscriptions from the public. We are preparing a promotional brochure for this magazine. We are confident that once we launch this promotion many more affluent and educated people will subscribe to this magazine.

Your prayers and support are needed as we work as only a "David" doing our best to spread the gospel to "giants" of millions of people in Thailand and her neighbouring countries.



*Mrs. Prachoom, our Hamada Offset Press lady operator.*

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**• Johnny Rueh, Thailand Publishing House Manager**

# Generosity Appreciated

Dear Brother and Sister Hollingsead:

We want to let you know how very appreciative and thankful we are for the \$326.00 you sent recently to buy Bibles for the young people at our Chiangmai Academy. The \$326.00 US makes B8,476.00. This will purchase about 70 Thai Bibles at approximately 120 baht each. I know they will be thrilled to get God's Word and, no doubt, will use these Bibles to very good advantage, not only for their own spiritual good, but for the winning of other precious souls to Christ as well.

Our Chiangmai Academy is indeed a bright spot to our work in Thailand. We presently have around 330 students, most of whom are boarding students. By the end of the year almost 100% of the students are Seventh-day Adventists. Our baptisms run 25-30 students a year at least. Many of the youth go from the academy to become leaders in our local churches because they know the Bible better than anyone else and can read and write.

Our first senior graduating class took place in March, 1985. By March, 1987 we will have graduated about 100 young people from that soul-winning institution.

You may be interested to know that we are presently working towards officially opening a college in Thailand to further train students to work for the Lord here in this great country. The Nursing Department is already operating and the Theology Department hopes to open sometime during 1987.

This will be a great blessing to the work here. Though the church has worked in Thailand for the past 70 years, we have not had a college-level training program for our young people. The college will conduct classes in the Thai medium for training pastors, business people, secretaries, vocational workers and others for the Lord's cause. This will greatly strengthen the work in Thailand. We ask for you to pray for this project in a very special way, for we feel it is one of the most important things we can do to advance the work here in this country.

Again I want to express my deep thanks and appreciation to you for the interest in the work here and for the check you've sent to buy Thai Bibles for the young people at Chiangmai Academy.

If you have any question about the work here or about the Chiangmai Academy, please let me know and I will try to answer you.

In the meantime, may the Lord abundantly bless you. It is my prayer that you will have a very wonderful and happy New Year.

Sincerely Yours

*W. L. Wilcox*

Wendell L. Wilcox, President  
Thailand Mission of SDA

## NEWS IN BRIEF FROM THE ELEPHANT EXPRESS

### *Tribal News from Thailand's North*

**IBM Computer Joins the Team.** An IBM compatible computer was recently purchased, along with software from the United Bible Societies organization, to assist in the printing of Steps to Jesus and other items for the Karen peoples. The computer is also being used to compile accurate membership records of the more than 900 Karen members attending the 19 Karen churches and companies of northern Thailand.

**Moei River Health Project Update.** At Thay Baw Bo training center five health students and 8 sewing students graduated last May and went out to begin work on their own. Dahlia and Kaw Htoo, two health graduates, look after the clinic in the Kler Ko Refugee Camp. They see as many as 30 outpatients a day. The new school year began mid-June with 7 health students and 10 sewing students.

**Current Needs.** Used clothing or material is needed for the sewing students to learn to cut and sew. The students take apart old garments, cut them up, and re-sew them into "new" garments. They are proud of the things they sew, even if the sleeves, collar, front and back are each from different materials. They often wear their "new" outfits to class. Almost any kind of material or garment is useful. If you have anything you can send, package it in a cardboard box, label it "Used Clothing for the Poor. Not for Resale", and send it sea mail to: Dennis Tidwell, P. O. Box 16, Mae Sot, Thailand.

**Dennis Tidwell, Director for Tribal Ministers,  
Thailand**



*Our first class of village health promoters on the day they received their certificates. In all, 95 were trained.*

## SARAWAK

### PROGRESS IN AYER MANIS

The 1986 school year started with some apprehension concerning the low number of primary students in attendance. However, it was opened with nine Primary 1-4 students, seven Seminary students, and full classes in forms three, four, and five. This brought the total to 100. In October, four dormitory students were baptized thus bringing much joy to our church family.

— **Lawrence Randig, Principal at Ayer Manis School**



*Form Three Class of 44 students.*

## ADRA IN SARAWAK

In Sarawak, Malaysia, an active and successful ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) project is nearing its final evaluation. For the past 3½ years, Gilbert Tan and Anyau Kinchang have been working with twenty villages in the Roban and Lubok Antu areas.

At the beginning of the project, Gilbert Tan and Anyau visited many of the villages surrounding the two training centers explaining our project goals and inviting them to join. Each village was to select 12 Village Health Promoters to serve as volunteer health leaders in their villages.

These Village Health Promoters were sent for an intensive 3 week training course in diagnosing and treating minor illnesses, nutrition, family planning, vaccinations, maternal child care and sanitation.

Most of the health work done by the Village Health Promoter is in treating sicknesses and injuries. Once a month, a health meeting is held in the village. At these meetings, health principles are taught and village sanitation projects are planned.

Once every two months, the Village Health Promoter returns to the training center to turn in his report, get a new supply of medicines and receive further training.

Nutrition receives a great deal of emphasis. Vegetable gardening, aquaculture (fish ponds), and teaching of nutrition and cooking classes are conducted.

Change takes place with the villages at different speeds. Some villages are very receptive and make health improvements rapidly, while other villages are just now beginning to really make improvements.

Many interesting stories can be told of the changes taking place in these villages. But the greatest joy comes in seeing these people respond to the love of God. Recently three Village Health Promoters were baptized. All three stated that they first became interested in knowing more about the God we serve when they attended the 3 week training course. As they learned to sing hymns and listened to the worship talks, they longed to know more. They also stated that they were impressed by the caring, committed attitude they observed in the ADRA workers. Gilbert Tan studied with these men for more than a year. They are now being trained to be lay pastors. (Stories of the conversion of these Village Health Promoters are to follow in forthcoming issues.)

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**Cindy Di Pinto, wife of FED ADRA  
Director M A Di Pinto**

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*Mrs. Di Pinto is presently helping to develop a resource center for the Far Eastern Division Health Department.*

## **SABAH**

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### **LAYMEN IN ACTION**

Laymen Gondipar Sorioh and James Lingungud each conducted an evangelistic series in July and October of 1986. In each crusade four souls were won to the Lord. This added to Sabah's combined 1986 total of 600 souls won to the Lord by dedicated laymen

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**— Martin Ya'ang, Church Ministries/Lay Activities,  
Sabah**



*Mr. Gondipar (L) with the four souls he won to the Lord.*



*Mr. James (L) with the four souls from his effort.*

## **GOSHEN INVESTITURE SERVICE**

On Sabbath, November 8, 1986, 170 pathfinders from nine Sabah-area clubs were invested. The highlight of the occasion was the investiture of 14 Master Guides. An additional 675 pins were awarded to pathfinders from Busy Bee to Guide. Honour tokens were awarded to 672 of these young people.

This grand investiture service was attended by hundreds of members from the nearby churches. The success of this investiture resulted from the combined efforts of local pastors Mansor Ginggaing, Padir Juman, Jim Gabu, and Sambuling Lajanin and Pathfinder Director Nelson Tompong. The director's untiring efforts through the years in recruiting, training, and organizing the Sabah pathfinder clubs now show rich results for the Lord.

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**Tommy Golotoh, Sabah Mission**



*The 14 new Master Guides invested.*

## CHILDREN'S CRUSADE

The work of Child Evangelism is going great guns in Sabah Mission under the capable leadership of Mrs. Jupitah Lim. Last September while Pastor Ben Hassenflug was conducting a 21-night crusade in Goshen auditorium, Jupitah and her team organized a 20-night child's evangelistic series concurrently.

Using "Jesus My Friend" material developed by the former Sabbath School department of the Far Eastern Division, the leaders met the children each night in the new church not far from the 2000-seat Goshen auditorium. Since the church was new there were no pews yet. So they brought in wooden planks and packed in about 400 children every night. Some nights there were over 500 of them.

Each night they had a film show, object lesson, character building story and finally the sermon. The children were most attentive. They especially enjoyed singing the theme song, "My Friend Jesus". The most thrilling part of the program was the altar call given at the close of the sermon each night. At the end of the series of meetings, 49 children were baptized together with 177 souls harvested from the adult crusade.

We thank God for this grand harvest. Certainly working for children is one of the most rewarding kinds of work. "The management and instruction of children is the noblest missionary work that any man or woman can undertake." (6T, 205). "The hour is late, the church must face her responsibility for the children and youth. Churches should pray for their children. Leaders must carry the burden of their salvation on their hearts." (DA, 517)

————— **Ng Gan Theow, CM Director, SAUM**



*Fruits from the children's crusade.*

## VILLAGE CHIEFS ACCEPT CHRIST

IN May, 1986, church elder Amat Rindapon from Ruganding SDA Church of 120 members conducted a 3-week lay effort in his town using the Bible Speaks lessons. A former village chief and 12 precious souls were baptized. Then in August the church deacon, Mr. Onduku Tomponu, held another effort in a village community centre ¾ km from the Ruganding SDA Church. After just two weeks of meetings Mr. Untalis Lambu, the present village chief requested baptism.

Mr. Untalis Lambu first heard the gospel in the early 50's when District Pastor Mandatang Gaban stayed at his home during his occasional visits. At that time Mr. Lambu's brother and his own son were baptized. Now some 30 years later Mr. Lambu has also surrendered his life to the Lord. Just prior to his baptism he gave a very touching testimony regarding the Lord's patience and persistent efforts toward him.

The work of the Lord is progressing in this part of Sabah. Laymen are willing to do more than their share in preaching the gospel. Please pray for us.

————— **Mansor Gingging, pastor of 13 churches in Kota Marudu, Sabah**



*Girls dressed in national costume giving special music during the children's crusade.*



*Pastor Gingging (2nd from L), Onduku Tomponu (3rd from L), Amat Rindapon (4th from L), Untalis Lambu (5th from L). The other three were the fruits of a Week of Prayer held in the church in November.*

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developing eyestrain from  
looking on the bright side of  
things.”*

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